

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2015

TIME: Six (6:00) O'Clock P. M.

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard,
Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank
Minvielle.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Scott Saunier, and Carol Bourgeois,
Jr.

OTHERS: Randy Moertle, Stan Aucoin and Pat Landry - CPRA; Oneil
Malbrough - CBI, LLC; Councilmen Marty Trahan; Ralph
Liberat - Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution adopting by-laws for the
Iberia Parish Levee Hurricane, and Conservation District with
proposed changes, dated January 13, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Benson
Langlinais, that a Resolution be adopted accepting by-laws for the
Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District, dated
January 13, 2015. (Resolution No. 2015-04)

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon
was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson
Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott
Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 5th day of
February, 2015.

2. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman

Chairman Gonsoulin opened the floor for nominations of Chairman for
2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Frank
Minvielle, to nominate Mr. James Stein for Chairman.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon
was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson
Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Stein that nominations for Chairman be closed.

This motion to close nominations having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion to close nominations was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

Chairman Gonsoulin announced Mr. James Stein as Chairman for 2015.

b. Vice-Chairman

Chairman James Stein opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chairman for 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, to nominate Mr. Benson Langlinais as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman James Stein closed nominations for Vice-Chairman.

This motion to close nominations having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion to close nominations was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

Chairman James Stein announced Mr. Benson Langlinais as Chairman for 2015.

c. Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman James Stein opened the floor for nominations of Secretary/Treasurer for 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson Langlinais, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, to nominate Mr. Patrick Broussard as Secretary/Treasurer.

Chairman James Stein closed nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

This motion to close nominations having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion to close nominations was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

Chairman James Stein announced Mr. Patrick Broussard as Secretary/Treasurer for 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

Chairman James Stein welcomed audience members to address the District as necessary.

Mr. Pat Landry stated that CPRA is in the process of working on an Intergovernmental Agreement to present to the Levee District for execution in order that the first phase of the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project can begin.

Mr. Pat Landry informed members of the District that Mr. Jerome Zeringue has resigned his position of Coastal Affairs and that Mr. Chip Klein will resume this position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

(Comments accepted from the general public)

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to receive public comments on business to be discussed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Updates:

- a. Determine a meeting date with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC;

Mr. Ralph Libersat explained the Royal Engineers & Consultants team are in the planning phase to coincide with the South Central Study, gathering documentation, putting together graphs, and doing framework. He stated that he would like to plan a meeting with Levee District officials in a couple of weeks in order that a presentation may be made to the District.

- b. A request from the Iberia Parish Council to develop a listing of projects eligible for the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund Allocations (Buckets 1 through 5); and

It was determined that a discussion on the development of this list can take place within a future meeting with Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC. It was suggested that Mr. Randy Moertle attend this meeting for his input regarding the possibility of including Avery Island.

- c. \$75,000 appropriation from Iberia Parish Government.

Chairman Stein stated that the discrepancy of the \$75,000 appropriation has been settled and referred the members of the District by a Resolution adopted by the Iberia Parish Council appropriating said funding.

Mr. Stein noted that the District is in decent shape to hire a Director, and that he will confer with Legal Counsel for advice on re-advertising in the newspaper seeking a Director.

2. Recommendation for the hiring of a part-time Director.
(Summary No. 2014-12)

Chairman Stein stated that having a Director to take on day to day operations should be a goal of the Levee District for this year. He reminded members of the District that a contract has been signed with Royal Engineers & Consultants and projects have begun. He noted that he will contact Legal Counsel Jacques Cousin regarding the criteria to hire a Director.

Mr. Patrick Broussard questioned where will the Directors office be located. Mr. Stein stated that its currently under discussion and

that there are several vacant offices available as options to the District.

Chairman Stein suggested that the members of the District consider hiring a full-time Director. He explained that it will be difficult to define a part-time position and that the job itself will most likely be full-time. It was generally agreed that a future discussion will have take place on the details of hiring a Director.

Upon further discussion, it was stated that no action would be taken, as the hiring of a part-time or full-time Director is pending a legal opinion for the re-advertisement of an ad to be placed in the newspaper seeking said position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the District's engineer to provide a cost estimate for the installation of a flood gate on Longside Road to be placed near the proposed levee to provide for the drainage of water to be presented to the Council for further action, all as requested by Resolution No. 2014-22 adopted by the Iberia Parish Council.

Chairman Stein stated that he appreciates the Parish Council's request to the District, as this would ensure the alignment of the project with the District's Master Plan.

Chairman Stein referred an explanation of said request to Councilman Marty Trahan.

Councilman Trahan explained that the area of concern has drainage issues with south water and high tide flooding, and further that agricultural property is useless. Mr. Trahan requested that Royal Engineers & Consultants provide a cost estimate for the installation of pipes and flood gates.

Upon discussing specifications and funding for said project, it was stated that there would be further discussion during a preliminary meeting with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC at a later date.

2. Review of an example Budget from St. Mary Parish Levee District.

Chairman Stein stated that he will organize a Finance Committee to present a budget to the Board for final adoption at its next meeting, and that the example budget from St. Mary would be used as guidance.

3. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing payment of an invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for annual membership dues in the total amount of \$500.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinois, that a Resolution be adopted authorizing payment of an invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for annual membership dues, in the total amount of \$500, to be paid from Port of Iberia Line Item. (Resolution No. 2015-08)

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

4. Discuss proposed attendance for members attending the 30th Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Workshop Conference to be held in Baton Rouge from May 7-8, 2015.

A suggestion was made that funds be appropriated for one member and the future Director to attend the 30th Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Workshop Conference being held in Baton Rouge from May 7-8, 2015, and that funding for travel be included in the proposed budget.

It was requested that the Minute Secretary provide a cost estimate for travel for these two members.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Chairman James Stein noted that there is a tax return to be filled out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stein requested that there be an expansion to discuss opposition to the U. S. Presidential Administration Budget to move the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding back to three (3) miles instead of ten (10) miles in 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby expand its agenda to adopt a Resolution requesting the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to draft a Resolution in opposition to U. S. Presidential Administrative Budget to move the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding requirements to three (3) miles instead of ten (10) miles in 2017. (Resolution No. 2015-09)

This motion to expand having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Frank Minvielle.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

And the motion to expand was therefore passed on this 5th day of February, 2015.

Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin announced that Congressman David Vitter is calling a meeting tomorrow in regards to coastal restoration to be held at the University of New Orleans.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from CPRA regarding the FY 2016 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana, dated January 14, 2015.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

- March 5, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, that the District does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify the fore going to be exact and true:

James Stein, Chairman

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